





IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Yasuo Yamao, et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1641

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Irvine, California 92614

REQUEST FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants request a three-month extension of time from November 2, 2000, to and including February 2, 2001, to respond to the Office Action of August 2, 2000. Our check for \$890.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for such an extension of time. Please charge any additional fees to our deposit account No. 16-2462. One copy of this letter is enclosed for such purpose.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on January 26, 2001.

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Respectfully submitted,

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